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SACRAMENTO WOMAN SENTENCED FOR ID THEFT OFFENSES

SACRAMENTO--United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today that LATASHA MARIE EIVORY VAUGHN, 35, of Sacramento, California, was sentenced to 21 months in prison today by United States District Judge David F. Levi for her involvement in a wide-ranging identity theft and fraud scheme. VAUGHN was also ordered to pay \$16,029.92 in restitution and a special assessment of \$800.00, and will serve a five year term of federal supervision following her release from prison.

The case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the United States Social Security Administration, Office of the Inspector General.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Michelle Rodriguez, who prosecuted the case, from 2001 through 2005 VAUGHN engaged in a scheme to steal other persons' identity documents and Social Security Numbers, and used those materials to open fraudulent bank accounts in multiple locations. VAUGHN used over eight different identities, stolen from victims in multiple states, and opened fraudulent bank accounts in California, Louisiana, and Georgia. In the Eastern District of California, VAUGHN opened checking accounts with nominal amounts at four different banks in Sacramento and Solano counties, and used fraudulent checks to obtain cash and credit.

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